

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. national phase of )  
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Inventors: Alessandro VASTA et al. ) Group Art Unit:  
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned ) Examiner:  
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For: METHOD FOR SETTING UP A )  
DIALYSIS TREATMENT IN A )  
DIALYSIS MACHINE )

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, DC 20231**

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claims:

- 17) (New) Device for setting up a dialysis treatment comprising a microprocessor, a data input, and a screen, the device being able to perform a method as claimed in claim 1.
  
- 18) (New) A machine comprising :  
an apparatus for preparing a dialysate ;  
a dialysate circuit;  
a blood circuit; and  
a filter connected to the apparatus and the blood circuit, and further comprising a device for setting up a dialysis treatment according to claim 17.

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**REMARKS**

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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